

longer required by the United States Government.

(b) **VESSELS DESCRIBED.**—The vessels described in this subsection are the following vessels, which have been stricken from the Naval Vessel Register:

- (1) The former U.S.S. Tarawa (LHA-1)
- (2) The former U.S.S. Peleliu (LHA-5).

(c) **TERMS OF CONVEYANCE.**—

(1) **DELIVERY OF VESSEL.**—The Secretary of the Navy shall deliver a vessel conveyed under subsection (a)—

(A) at a location and on a date of conveyance as mutually agreed to by the Secretary and the recipient; and

(B) in its condition on that date.

(2) **LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY.**—

(A) **IMMUNITY OF THE UNITED STATES.**—The United States and all departments and agencies thereof, and their officers and employees, shall not be liable at law or in equity for any injury or damage to any person or property occurring on a vessel donated under this section.

(B) **IMPROVEMENTS, UPGRADES, AND REPAIRS.**—Notwithstanding any other law, the Department of Defense, and the officers and employees of the Department of Defense, shall have no responsibility or obligation to make, engage in, or provide funding for, any improvement, upgrade, modification, maintenance, preservation, or repair to a vessel donated under this section.

(C) **CLAIMS ARISING FROM EXPOSURE TO HAZARDOUS MATERIAL.**—The Secretary may not convey a vessel under this section unless the recipient agrees to hold the United States Government harmless for any claim arising from exposure to hazardous material, including asbestos and polychlorinated biphenyls, after the conveyance of the vessel, except for any claim arising before the date of the conveyance or from use of the vessel by the Government after that date.

(3) **CONVEYANCE TO BE AT NO COST TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**—Any conveyance of a vessel under this section, the demilitarization of Munitions List items of that vessel, the maintenance and preservation of that vessel after conveyance, and the ultimate disposal of that vessel shall be made at no cost to the Department of Defense.

(4) **ADDITIONAL TERMS.**—The Secretary may require such additional terms in connection with the conveyance authorized by this section as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(d) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.**—The term “nonprofit organization” means an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of that Code.

(2) **MUNITIONS LIST.**—The term “Munitions List” means the United States Munitions List created and controlled under section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778).

SA 4575. Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. KAINE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place in title II, insert the following:

SEC. _____. ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR UNDERSEA WARFARE APPLIED RESEARCH.

(a) **ADDITIONAL FUNDING.**—The amount authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2022 by section 201 for research, development, test, and evaluation is hereby increased by \$11,000,000, with the amount of the increase to be available for Undersea Warfare Applied Research (PE 0602747N).

(b) **OFFSET.**—The amount authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2022 by section 101 for procurement for the Army, the Navy and the Marine Corps, the Air Force and the Space Force, and Defense-wide activities is hereby decreased by \$11,000,000, with the amount of the decrease to be derived from amounts available for Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy Fleet Ballistic Missile Ships, Line 19, LHA Replacement.

SA 4576. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1064. REIMBURSEMENT OF PHYSICIANS BY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS DURING CERTAIN DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—During a period in which a covered disaster or emergency has been declared, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall reimburse covered physicians for audio-only telehealth visits under the laws administered by the Secretary at the same rate as in-person visits.

(b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **COVERED DISASTER OR EMERGENCY.**—The term “covered disaster or emergency” means the following:

(A) A disaster or emergency specified in section 1785(b) of title 38, United States Code.

(B) A public health emergency declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d).

(C) A domestic emergency declared by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

(2) **COVERED PHYSICIAN.**—The term “covered physician” means a physician who is not a physician of the Department of Veterans Affairs who provides care to veterans under—

(A) the Veterans Community Care Program under section 1703 of title 38, United States Code; or

(B) any other authority under the laws administered by the Secretary.

SA 4577. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3867 submitted by Mr. REED and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 4350, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 1216. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING AFGHANISTAN'S RARE EARTH MINERALS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The President shall impose the sanctions described in subsection (b) with respect to each foreign person the President determines engages, on or after the date of the enactment of this Act, in any transaction involving rare earth minerals mined or otherwise extracted in Afghanistan.

(b) **SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.**—The sanctions to be imposed under subsection (a) with respect to a foreign person are the following:

(1) **BLOCKING OF PROPERTY.**—The President shall exercise all of the powers granted to the President under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) to the extent necessary to block and prohibit all transactions in property and interests in property of the foreign person if such property and interests in property are in the United States, come within the United States, or are or come within the possession or control of a United States person.

(2) **INELIGIBILITY FOR VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.**—

(A) **VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.**—An alien described in subsection (a) is—

(i) inadmissible to the United States;

(ii) ineligible to receive a visa or other documentation to enter the United States; and

(iii) otherwise ineligible to be admitted or paroled into the United States or to receive any other benefit under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).

(B) **CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.**—

(i) **IN GENERAL.**—The visa or other entry documentation of an alien described in subsection (a) shall be revoked, regardless of when such visa or other entry documentation is or was issued.

(ii) **IMMEDIATE EFFECT.**—A revocation under clause (i) shall—

(I) take effect immediately; and

(II) automatically cancel any other valid visa or entry documentation that is in the alien's possession.

(c) **IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES.**—

(1) **IMPLEMENTATION.**—The President may exercise all authorities provided under sections 203 and 205 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to carry out this section.

(2) **PENALTIES.**—A person that violates, attempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a violation of subsection (b)(1) or any regulation, license, or order issued to carry out that subsection shall be subject to the penalties set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to the same extent as a person that commits an unlawful act described in subsection (a) of that section.

(d) **NATIONAL SECURITY WAIVER.**—The President may waive the imposition of sanctions under subsection (a) with respect to a foreign person if the President—

(1) determines that such a waiver is in the national security interests of the United States; and

(2) submits to the appropriate congressional committees a notification of the waiver and the reasons for the waiver.

(e) **EXCEPTIONS.**—

(1) **INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES.**—This section shall not apply with respect to activities subject to the reporting requirements under title V of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.) or any authorized intelligence activities of the United States.

(2) **LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES.**—Sanctions under this section shall not apply with respect to any authorized law enforcement activities of the United States.

(3) **EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS.**—Subsection (b)(2)